

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph on Page 1, above line 1:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 102 28 353.2 filed June 25, 2002. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §365 of PCT/EP2003/009693 filed May 6, 2003. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 1-2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--An injection nozzle for fuel is already known from U.S. ~~6,235,736 B1~~ 6,253,736 B1. The injection nozzle has a nozzle needle as well as a control piston disposed axially to the nozzle needle. The control piston is biased upward via a first spring, and is set in the axial direction by way of a piezo-element. The nozzle needle is biased downward, in other words opposite to the control piston, by way of a second spring, and closes the nozzle opening in the bottommost position. By means of a movement of the control piston as the result of a setting movement of the

piezo-element, the piston releases a flow-through opening for furl, so that the nozzle needle is moved out of its seat upward, counter to the spring force. After a stroke (h), the nozzle needle hits against a lower face of the control piston with its upper face, and thereby generates an additional upward setting force. As soon as the piezo-element is switched to be current-free, the control piston moves back into its upper end position and closes off the through-flow opening. The nozzle needle is then back in pressure force equilibrium, so that the resulting spring force performs the closing movement and closes the nozzle opening once again. The position of the nozzle needle is detected by way of the position of the control piston.--